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TO MRS. AND MRS. O. GLEN HOCKER  
1636 MEADOW LANE  
MEXICO, MISSOURI 65265  
TELEPHONE: 314-581-5380

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES, CASE (HART, FLORENCE MYRE)

SUBJ: DEATH OF AMERICAN CITIZEN: FLORENCE MYRA HART

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF  
YOUR SISTER, FLORENCE MYRA HART.

2. THE SECURITY OFFICER FOR THE HILTON HOTEL INFORMED AMERICAN EMBASSY  
NAIROBI ON OCTOBER 21 OF HER DEATH FROM UNKNOWN CAUSES AFTER COLLAPSI  
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IN THE HOTEL LOBBY. THE HOTEL NURSE APPLIED ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COLLAPSE, AND SHE WAS RUSHED DIRECTLY TO NAIROB  
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HOSPITAL WHERE SHE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD ON ARRIVAL.

3. LATER IN THE AFTERNOON THE BODY WAS OFFICIALLY IDENTIFIED AT  
CITY MORTUARY BY MRS. FRANCIS RILEY, A FRIEND OF YOUR SISTER, AND BY  
MRS. DIXSON, THE DIRECTOR OF THE TOUR GROUP THEY WERE TRAVELLING WITH  
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4. AN AUTOPSY TO DETERMINE THE EXACT MEDICAL CAUSE OF DEATH IS  
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MANDATORY.

5. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT NAIROBI HAS TAKEN CHARGE OF HER PERSONAL  
EFFECTS. MRS. RILEY HAS VOLUNTEERED TO BRING THESE ITEMS WITH HER  
AS EXCESS BAGGAGE IF YOU WISH TO AUTHORIZE US TO RELEASE THEM TO HER.

6. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE

URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE PROMPTLY AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR SISTER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO MEXICO, MISSOURI WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY 2000 DOLLARS. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS 250 DOLLARS. THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS 250 DOLLARS. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO UNITED STATES WOULD COST 3000 DOLLARS. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

7. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: TELEGRAPH FUNDS AND INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY TO DIRECTOR, SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520. INCLUDE IN MESSAGE NAME OF DECEASED AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF FUNERAL HOME IN UNITED STATE IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. TELEGRAPHIC MONEY ORDER SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

8. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY HAS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY 3 WORKING DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

9. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 334141 IN NAIROBI, OR CONTACT VICE CONSUL TOBIAS  
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AT HOME BY PHONING 47062 IN NAIROBI.

10. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT. WILBERT JOHN LE MELLE, AMBASSADOR, AMERICAN EMBASSY NAIROBI, KENYA.  
LE MELLE

NOTE BY OC/T: PASSED MEXICO, MISSOURI.

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